RD350B YAMAHA STREET



The RD350B is a street machine designed from the knowledge Yamaha has gained on race tracks throughout the world. In fact, it has virtually the identical engine and frame design as the Yamaha 350 cc road racers that swept the Daytona 200-Mile Race for the second successive year.

You'll notice the influence of this racing heritage as soon as you start the RD350B. It is a fast machine. It also has an exceptionally wide power band for a two-stroke twin that lets you cruise through the heaviest traffic without a lot of gearchanging. This is because Yamaha's exclusive Torque Induction® system increases power at the lower and middle speed ranges.

But fast isn't all the RD350B is. It is also safe. The tubular double cradle frame means you can handle and corner the machine with virtual ease. And the double action hydraulic front disc brake gives incredible stopping power.

The RD350B. The perfect compromise of road riding and road racing.



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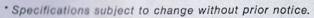
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Max. speed range 160 km/h	plus (100 mph plus)
Climbing ability	28 degrees
Min, turning radius	
Min. braking distance	
	(46 ft. @31 mph)

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ENGINE

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Displacement	347 cc (21.18 cu. in.)
Bore & stroke 64 x 54	
Compression ratio	
Max. horsepower	39 np/7,500 r.p.m.
Max. torque3.8 kg-m	
Lubrication system	Autolube
Starting system	Primary kick starter
Transmission	
DIMENSIONS	
Overall length	2 040 mm (80 3 in)
Overall width	
Overall height	1,110 mm (43.7 in.)
Wheelbase	
Min, ground clearance	155 mm (6.1 in.)
WEIGHT (Net)	143 kgs. (315 lbs.)
FUEL TANK CAPACITY	
OIL TANK CAPACITY	
TIRES front	3.00-10-4FN
rear	3.50-18-4PR
COLORING	Baja Brown
	High Sparkle Blue





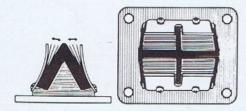
Features

Torque induction® engine

The unique design of the RD350B twostroke engine, developed by YAMAHA, utilizes the exciting seven-port Torque Induction® system. The important seventh port functions both as an intake and scavengine port, increasing vital engine breathing With this superb system, the throttle responds instantly over the low and medium rpm ranges as well as at high rpm. Like the outstanding YAMAHA GRAND PRIX machines, the instant throttle response gives you faster acceleration for a quick get-away.



The RD350B V-type reed valve is just one more key development supporting YAMAHA's remarkable Torque Induction® system. Two special stainless-steel reed valves provide an instant response to negative pressure from the cylinder, eliminating blow-back to the carburetor at low speeds.



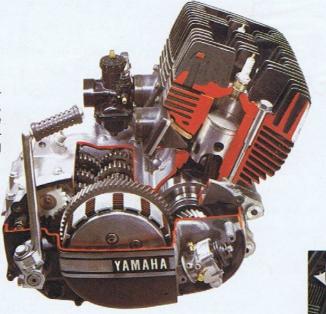
Autolube

YAMAHA's two-stroke engines are lubricated by a separate, unique system called Autolube. With Autolube, the amount of oil fed into the high performance RD350B engine is regulated by throttle position and engine speed. This precision engineered system saves you oil and lengthens the life of your engine.

6-speed transmission

The RD350B uses a six-speed, constant mesh transmission which effectively utilizes engine power at all speeds. Gears two, three, four five and six are close ratio for consistent high performance. The short stroke gear-change of the RD350B's six speed transmission makes fast shifting simple and easy.





Double-cradle frame

Built around the RD350B's high performance engine is a specially designed, double-cradle frame. Light in weight and constructed from high-tensile tubular steel, it's the same kind of frame used on YAMAHA's winning GRAND PRIX ma-

chines. It's sturdy design gives you outstanding all around roadholding under any conditions.



To assure a positive safety nature for the machine, a great amount of consideration has gone into such features as the switches which control the turn signals, the high-low beam changeover switch and the horn button in that they have been placed for fast, convenient use. On the brake drum, there is a rubber-covered inspection hole so that the condition of the brake lining can be easily checked. Reflectors are mounted on the side and rear of the machine for positive identification. The foot pegs are a spring-loaded type which, when hit, fold back at a 45° angle, and a precision tachometer and speedometer are included for speed and distance indications as well as for the observation of periodic maintenance.



Front forks

To adequately support the frame and rider plus protect against impacts which could cause damage to the engine or adversely affect maneuverability, the YAMAHA research team has rigorously studies the data gathered from some of the most grueling race tracks throughout the world in the development of the best front forks for the bike. As a result of this lengthy study, the front forks on YAMAHA machines are world-famous for their ability to respond to all impacts

while maintaining optimum rider comfort and maneuverability.

Front disc brake In order to increase the stopping power of the front wheel, a hydraulically

operated, fixed-head, piston-caliper disc brake has been included. The pressure of the hand is multiplied and applied to the piston-type calipers which are installed in the fixed head. These calipers then clamp on the rotating disc slowing and stopping the movement of the front wheel for smooth controlled stops. Also, the disc brake is not affected by water or repeated use.

Rear shock absorbers

Utilizing a hydraulically-damped, outerspring design coupled with the rear swing-arm assembly, the rider and the machine are adequately cushioned from the bumps and jolts which occur on a severely rough road. In order that the rider be able to "custom-tailor" his rear shock absorber spring tension to suit his taste for the load and the road, the outerspring rear shocks are easily adjustable; stiff for heavier loads such as when two are riding, or relaxed for open road rid-

ing with a light load.



Rear brake

Toguard against fading due to heat, against pre-maturewear, and against grabbing, the rear brake drum

is constructed extra-large for more stopping power with better heat-dissipating characteristics; and it utilizes a special labyrinth seal which prevents water and dust from entering the drum and adversely affecting the brake performance.